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LOST HER LIFE ON A TRESTLE.

Horrible Death of Mrs. Wells Under a Burlington Train.

HER CHILD'S LEAP FOR LIFE.

The Woman Stood as if Transfixed, While the Train Bore Rapidly Down Upon Her.

There was a terrible tragedy on the trestle of the St. Louis, Keokuk and North-western Railroad near Keokuk street and the river front at 7:05 o'clock Friday morning. Mrs. Carrie Wells, a widow, was caught by a train and mangled into a shapeless mass of flesh, while her 6-year-old daughter, Sadie, leaped from the trestle to the low ground below to escape an equally hideous death.

It was one of the most shocking accidents that ever occurred in St. Louis, and the first



MRS. CARRIE WELLS KILLED ON A TRESTLE.
(As Described by Engineer Spaulding.)

that has happened on the Burlington Road since its trains have been entering the city over the tracks along the river front.

The scene of the horror is what is known as "Okla-homa," a house boat and shanty settlement, extending along the river for over a half mile between St. Louis avenue and the Ferry street approach to the Merchants' bridge. It is in the vicinity of the big lumber yards which occupy the low ground along the Mississippi. A grade several feet above the level of the river extends from the front, and at the place where the accident occurred a trestle work extends over 100 feet in order to allow the lumber teams to drive to and from the river.

Here it was that Mrs. Wells met her horrible death. About 7 o'clock she left her home at the foot of Wash street, and with her daughter Sadie, started for a houseboat farther north to procure something to eat. As the woman and child neared the trestle, the little one heard an approaching train and begged her mother not to venture across. The woman failed to heed. Mrs. Wells suffered from rheumatism and progressed slowly. Leading the little one by the hand, she reached the middle of the trestle when the child saw the locomotive just at the north end of the trestle dashing down upon them. At the same moment her mother released her hand. With a despairing cry of "Oh, mamma, jump off!" the little one made the leap, but her mother stood immovable.

"She couldn't jump. She had rheumatism," explained the girl, when she was talking of the tragedy afterward. When Sadie jumped the train seemed to her to be right upon them. By some chance she was little hurt by her leap, and struggling to her feet, she looked up just in time to see the train strike her mother. The body was hurled into the air and apparently struck again before it rolled lifeless and bleeding from the trestle. It fell with a sickening thud upon the hard earth below, a distance of fully 10 or 12 feet. Death was evidently instantaneous, but if any life remained in the body after the engine struck it it departed with the fall.

Only courage borne of desperation could have induced the little girl to leap from the trestle. She had no time to consider the consequences, and fell rather than see her mother crushed and mangled. Her hands were bruised and slightly lacerated, but no bones were broken. Looking up she saw the body of her mother roll from the trestle, and at once ran to her.

The train was the Alton accommodation of the Burlington route. Conductor Rufus Griffee and Engineer Frank Spaulding hurried back and picked up the lifeless form of Mrs. Wells a few feet away. The body of the mother was placed in the baggage car, the daughter in one of the coaches and both taken to the Union Station. From there the body was removed to the morgue. The girl was taken to the Four Courts

GERHART'S WIFE WANTS A DIVORCE.

Accuses the Real Estate Man of Infidelity and Cruelty.

NAMES MRS. HARRY POCOCK.

Petition Tells of an Incriminating Letter the Wife Found in Her Husband's Pocket.

Two family skeletons hopped out in the Circuit Court Friday morning by the filing of a divorce petition on the part of Mrs. Rowena K. Gerhart against her husband, Charles B. Gerhart, the well-known real estate man in the Walnut Street building. One of the grounds specified in the petition is the relations sustained by the defendant with Mrs. Julia L. Pocock, divorced wife of the City Register, whose somewhat lurid career on upper Chestnut street got him into the newspapers and the divorce court and nearly cost him his official position about a year ago.

The petition, like most wives' petitions, makes the husband out a pretty bad fellow. It goes on to recite that the plaintiff was married to Gerhart March 27, 1901, in this city, and that until April, 1902, she continued to live with him in a manner entirely proper and wife-like. But of course the husband did not appreciate being good and staying home at night, the petition alleges that he used to go chasing around town in his car with women whose morals shake badly when you rattle them, and especially does it mention Mrs. Pocock in this midnight perambulation on wheels.

When the good-looking, giddy, City Register got away with Belle Richmond, his mistress, and was taken to the Four Courts in the hoodlum wagon, everybody sympathized with his poor little wife. She sued for a divorce and got it. She now stands legally just as if she had put the Richmond woman in her pocket.

Last October Mrs. Gerhart got hold of a letter written to her husband by Mrs. Pocock, which opened her eyes a bit. There is no reason why a woman, especially a grace widow, should write to a real estate agent, but when his name is Charles B. and she begins the letter "Charlie," it is a little suspicious.

That is just the way that Mrs. Pocock's letter to Gerhart started out, and according to the petition, she considered it a real estate agent, but when his name is Charles B. and she begins the letter "Charlie," it is a little suspicious. The letter also mentioned that Mrs. Gerhart was a "very nice girl" and that she was "very much interested in the real estate business." The letter also mentioned that Mrs. Gerhart was "very much interested in the real estate business" and that she was "very much interested in the real estate business."

After the recital of the alleged facts relative to the defendant's consorting with a low-down woman, the petition goes on to recite that the plaintiff's efforts to make her husband behave himself, as a good housewife supposed to do. She would plead with him, not to be guilty of such conduct, and then he would get angry, strike, or otherwise mistreat her, get drunk and brag about it.

The petition specifies Nov. 7, 1904, as a date when the defendant thus abused the plaintiff and it further cites that on Nov. 17, after the plaintiff refused to sign away her interest in their property, the defendant being half drunk, cursed her, struck her in the face, threw her upon the bed and tried to choke her, until their little son Francis ran to his mother's aid and tried to pull the infuriated father away from her.

These instances the plaintiff alleges occurred frequently. Nor did the defendant supply her with sufficient money to pay her household expenses, preferring to spend it on low women. He often ordered her and the children, to whom he generally alluded as "brats," to leave his house and not return.

In February, 1905, when she asked him for money he sent a check to her through the mail and with a vile letter. The petition, in closing, states that the defendant is possessed of considerable real estate and personal property and prays for a divorce granting the plaintiff the custody of the child and the right to the real estate and personal property to support her.

Last August Gerhart filed a suit for divorce against his wife, alleging that she was of unsound mind and incapable of performing her duties as a wife. The effort has not been successful, however, as would appear from the petition.

The Gerharts have a beautiful home at 15 North Spring avenue. Mrs. Gerhart is the daughter of Michael L. Kelly, 2622 Locust street, and is a strikingly handsome and stylish woman.

FLOOR FELL IN.

Seven Men Injured at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York.

NEW YORK, April 26.—A gang of laborers were employed on the third floor of the old Metropolitan Hotel to-day, when the floor fell in and seven men were carried with the debris to the second floor. Seven men were injured. Michael Egan is hurt internally and may die.

WITH A BED SHEET.

Old Charles F. Scott Hung Himself at the Insane Asylum.

Charles F. Scott, an elderly inmate of the Insane Asylum, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in his room on a bucket, fastened one end of a bed sheet about his neck and the other end to the transom and then kicked away the bucket. Some minutes later he was found dead by an attendant. Scott was 71 years old and was sent to the Insane Asylum from 2322 Biddle street on Nov. 23, 1904.

COOLIE MORTAR MIXERS.

Chinese are being engaged by the boss bricklayers to take the places of striking hod-carriers.

Friday morning fifty non-union hod-carriers were put to work, three of whom were from the Orient. The strike will result in this and trouble is anticipated.

The three Chinese hod-carriers were put at work on some new dwellings in course of erection on Morgan street, east of Taylor avenue. Messrs. Hobson & Deming have charge of the bricklaying, while a man named Kelly has the plastering contract. The peculiar shape of the Chinese's shoes prevented them from active work in climbing ladders and they were set mixing mortar.

A lively tilt ensued upon the strike picket appearance, which was checked by two bluecoats. The officers insisted on the pickets moving on, and the Chinese to headquarter at the Elks' club. The controversy was said to have been settled by the Chinese laborers being assaulted.

Thomas Hayden of Hayden & Co., slate roofers, witnessed the controversy and says he thought it would result in the Chinese laborers being assaulted. An executive meeting of the members of the Elks' club was held Friday morning, but no information was given out. The boss bricklayers claim they are having no trouble securing workmen.

THIS IS IN NEW JERSEY.

Company Incorporated to Make Perpetual Motion Machines.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, April 26.—All the fools are not dead yet, at least over in New Jersey, a company having been incorporated at Newark with \$15,000 capital, 10 per cent paid in, to manufacture perpetual motion machines.

IS MRS. DOWNING DEAD?

Her Husband Will Not Allow the Funeral to Take Place.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Mrs. Dreda Downing is thought to have died last Friday at East Hampton, L. I. The body would have been buried last Monday, but because no signs of death are present save the suspended breathing, her husband refuses to allow the funeral to proceed, and says he will keep the body all summer. It shall begin to decompose, although he thinks her dead. The doctors think she is dead, and finally with this recalcitrant due to chemical action.

FOOTPADS' HEARTLESS WORK.

Tied John O'Neill of St. Louis to a Railroad Track.

PANA, Ill., April 26.—Unknown foot-pads held up John O'Neill of St. Louis in the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railroad yards and relieved him of money and other valuables. They then tied him to a main track. In this frightful position he was found by the engineer and fireman of a freight train which was stopped within three feet of the prostrate man. O'Neill was in a stupor when found and knew nothing of the horrible deed. There is no clue to his assailants.

TO GET "CONJURE" BONES.

Negro Craps Players Disinter the Body of a Woman.

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 26.—News comes from Vossburg, Miss., of an almost unprecedented desecration of negroes of the grave of a woman buried two years ago.

Monroe Smith, George Grayson and Cicero Ulmer, colored, disinterred the body for the purpose of procuring what is known among their race as a "conjure" bone. This is the fourth rib on the left side of the body, from which the negroes wanted to manufacture dice, to be used in the craps games, they said. The body was found in a coffin falling luck. The negroes named have been arrested and will be arraigned before the court at Vossburg to-morrow.

MISSING FROM HER DESK.

Pretty Cashier of the Planters' Resigns to Get Married.

A familiar face is missing from the Planters' Hotel rotunda. It is that of the pretty young cashier, Miss Emma Jeanne Pierce. She resigned several days ago to take a "vacation rest" at her home in Eldorado, Kan. Cards were received from her Thursday announcing her marriage Monday next to James E. Brady of Chicago.

Miss Pierce's love story is quite romantic. Her father, who is a well-known merchant in Chicago, had settled his account every evening just to have a few words with her.

Chicagoans at the Planters' who know Mr. Brady, were surprised to hear of the coming event and predicted a cyclone of success among Mr. Brady's friends in Chicago.

The groom is of a retiring disposition, caring little for society and his near personal friends have called him "Bach." He is in the brokerage business and is known to be financially interested. He travels extensively and is well known in all of the large cities.

The wedding will take place at Miss Pierce's home Monday morning. In the evening the couple leave for Chicago, where a Monday morning Lincoln Park has been fitted up for them. Her acquaintance with Mr. Brady is said to have begun with a silver wedding gift.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy To-Night, Fair and Warmer Saturday, Freshly Fair Sunday.

Weather forecast:
For St. Louis and vicinity: Cloudy weather Friday night but with little or no rain. Fair and warmer Saturday. For Sunday fair. For Illinois—Cloudy with occasional showers to-night. Saturday, slightly cooler in southern portion to-night.

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Owing to the United States, the Occupation of Corinto Is Deferred to Midnight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The United States will not interfere in the matter of the occupation of Corinto by British troops. Secretary Gresham, it is understood, desires to make a protest against the action of Great Britain, and is mortified because the President has overruled him. The position of the President in this matter is that the dispute is one entirely between Great Britain and Nicaragua, in

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DRYING CARPENTERS CARRYING LONG WHEAT

Archbishop Kenrick Provides for the Disposition of Church Property.

Published statements that Archbishop Kenrick had drawn up will transferring the immense amount of church property held in his name to his successor prove to be untrue.

Lawyer A. J. P. Garachio was asked if the venerable metropolitan had made a will since the death of his Vice-General, Fr. Brady.

"I saw that will and saw to its execution," was his reply.

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